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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-19 and 21-25 are pending in this application. Claim 24 is allowed, claims 1-7 and 25 are rejected. Claims 8-19 and 21-23 are objected to, but are allowable if rewritten in proper independent form. Claims 20 and 25 were previously cancelled.

Claims 1-7 and 25 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Fiscus (US Patent No. 6,628,154).

In response to the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) and in light of the recitations set forth above, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claims 3 and 8, which are now both cancelled. Amended claim 1 is now deemed to be allowable under 35 USC 102(e) as containing all of the limitations objected to in claim 8, as well as all of the limitations of intervening claim 3.

Claims 4, 6-7, 9-14, 17-18 and 23 are amended only to provide proper antecedent basis.

All of the remaining claims that are directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 1 are deemed to be allowable under 35 USC 102(e) as being dependent upon an allowable base claim for the reasons given above.


In view of all of the above, claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-19 and 21-24 are now believed to be either allowed or allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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No fee is believed due for this submittal. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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